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SUBJECT: GOL VIEWS ON LOS ISSUES

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1. ROBERT TUBMAN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CHIEF GOL
DELEGATE TO LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCES, JUNE 12
GAVE THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF
THE LIBERIAN POSITION ON FOUR MAIN LOS ISSUES:

(A) SEABED AUTHORITY: THE GOL TENDS TO SIDE WITH THE
U.S. ON THE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE
PROTECTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR INVESTMENT OF PRIVATE
CAPITAL IN EXPLORATION OF DEEP-SEA RESOURCES.

(B) LAND-BASED PROCEDURES AND PRODUCTION
CONTROLS: THE GOL AGREES THAT THE IDEA OF PRODUCTION
CONTROLS NEGATES THE BASIC PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT OF
DEEP-SEA MINERAL RESOURCES. IF THERE WERE NOT A DEMAND
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FOR EXPANDED PRODUCTION, THE DEVELOPERS OF THE DEEP-SEA
BED WOULD HARDLY BE WILLING TO EXPAND THE ENORMOUS SUMES
REQUIRED.

(C) LL/GDS: THE GOL APPROVES SHARING AN APPROPRIATE
PART OF THE SURPLUS OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE
ECONOMIC ZONE BETWEEN COASTAL STATES AND LAND-LOCKED

AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES.

(D) MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: THE GOL SUPPORTS THE OAU POSITIN THAT NOT ONLY MUST THE RESEARCHING STATE REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFICA RESEARCH BUT THE COASTAL STATE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SUCH PERMISSION. TUBMAN NOTED THAT THE GOL WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO REFUSE ANY U.S. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. HE FELT HOWEVER THAT ALL COASTAL STATES SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO VETO SUCH RESEARCH IF THEY FELT IT NOT TO BE IN THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED THE UNCLASSIFIED U.S. DELEGATION REPORT ON THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE 3RD LOS CONFERNCE (UNDER COVER OF A-1985, MAY 30, 1978). ONE COPY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO TUBMAN. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES THE EMBASSY TO EXPLORE LOS MATTERS IN MORE DETAIL WITH MINISTER TUBMAN, WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO DO SO.
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